

# CLOSE OF SCHOOL NEEDS

## Miss Boardman Urges Making System an Example to Whole Country.

The Senate District subcommittee on schools has practically concluded its hearings on the needs of the public schools of Washington. Senator Capper, chairman, announced last night. He said that the members of the subcommittee would now visit the schools themselves and make personal inspections.

Senator Capper had a conference yesterday with Dr. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, regarding the local schools and their needs. Dr. Claxton is impressed with the need of new and larger school buildings, Senator Capper said. He believes in adopting a building program which will look to the needs of the future.

"It is Dr. Claxton's opinion," said Senator Capper, "that we expect an annual increase in the school population of the District of 3 per cent. He believes that in planning for next year we should take into consideration the future increase in the number of children who must be given instruction. He also believes that it would be wise to erect larger school buildings, with assembly halls, gymnasiums, etc., and abandon, when possible, the smaller units. Such a program has been adopted by a number of other cities."

## Survey of Needs.

Senator Capper said that Dr. Claxton had promised to submit a report on the school needs made by an expert of the bureau of education, who is conversant with the local schools to the Senate committee.

Senator Capper has received a large number of suggestions for improvements in the schools from members of the board of district commissioners, officers of the parent-teacher associations, and other civic organizations, to whom he sent letters asking that they send recommendations to the committee.

Miss Boardman, until recently a member of the board of district commissioners, writing to Senator Capper, said:

"I feel strongly that the public schools of the National Capital should be made as good as any in the country. In the past, I have had the wives of congressmen tell me that, being interested in their home schools, they had hoped to find here a model school system from which they could learn much to the advantage of their home education organizations, but that they were disappointed in what they found. Idealizing that the schools of Washington will be looked to as an example, there is a double reason why the educational facilities here should come up to the best standards, in simple and well arranged school accommodations, in proper equipment, in sufficient playgrounds—or what I think should be called recreation facilities—and with adequate salaries to attract and retain the teaching personnel, the highest type of trained men and women."

## Deplores Use of Yards.

"The fact that the limited yards of a number of our schools have had to be utilized by portable school buildings is greatly to be regretted. I do not consider the portable school building as objectionable if properly heated and ventilated, and if the playground for its site. It is a disgrace that at recent times the school playgrounds have been closed to traffic in the vicinity of a number of our schools to provide some playground space for the children."

"Within a block around Stanton Square there are three schools not only in the same condition, whenever it is possible to be utilized, but in the vicinity of these schools, it should be done before it is built, upon, and in the future no school site should be purchased that is not large enough to provide for additions without destroying the necessary playground."

## SIX SEIZED IN RACE

### Patrons of E Street Resort in Flight as Police Act on "Clean-Up" Order.

Six alleged violators of the hand-bill law were taken into custody yesterday afternoon by members of Maj. Gessford's special investigation squad, assisted by picked men from several precincts.

The raid was the first since District Commissioner James F. Oyster announced that a "clean-up" against hand-bill placers was being made. Commissioner Oyster conferred before the raid with United States Attorney John E. Lusk and received assurance of his co-operation.

Those arrested registered as Frank McCormick, Elmer Johnson, 2503 14th street; and George E. Johnson, 902 3rd street southwest, all of whom were taken on the upper floor of 314 Pennsylvania avenue, arrested in a room at 1218 E street; Rufus Joyner, 1218 E street; arrested in a room at 1218 E street; and a woman, arrested in a room at 1218 E street.

The most spectacular raid was at 314 E street, where renewal of a license for a rooming house was being refused. The rooming house was on the upper floor of 314 Pennsylvania avenue, arrested in a room at 1218 E street; Rufus Joyner, 1218 E street; arrested in a room at 1218 E street; and a woman, arrested in a room at 1218 E street.

## Crowd Seeks Hiding Places.

Policeman Thomas F. Sweeney, re-portedly, yesterday afternoon, in the investigation and raid, took an active part in the investigation and raid. He was seen at 314 E street, where renewal of a license for a rooming house was being refused. The rooming house was on the upper floor of 314 Pennsylvania avenue, arrested in a room at 1218 E street; Rufus Joyner, 1218 E street; arrested in a room at 1218 E street; and a woman, arrested in a room at 1218 E street.

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# BOARD OF TRADE URGES PUBLIC TO PRESERVE BEAUTY OF D. C. PARKS

The public is urged to assist in maintaining the beauty and general enjoyment of the park system of the National Capital, in a report of the committee on parks and reservations of the Washington Board of Trade.

Co-operation in the following respects is asked:

First. Exercise the most extreme care to avoid setting fires in any part of the park.

Second. Appeal to and caution boys who frequent the parks against knocking or in the slightest degree defacing any growing tree or bush or undergrowth, and immediately report instances discovered to the nearest police officer or to the superintendent of the park.

Third. In visiting and enjoying the parks, exercise care to avoid leaving papers or debris of any character lying on the ground, and to deposit all such articles in receptacles provided therefor at various designated points.

# OYSTER HAS PLAN FOR 7-CENT FARES

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would mean elimination of certain overhead expenses and lead to various economies.

Most Feasible Plan.

It is his conviction, however, that the sum total of these economies would not make possible as considerable a reduction in car fare as would a merger of the Potomac Electric Railway and Electric Company on the basis of a 10 cent electric charge.

Furthermore, he anticipates legislation can be had at this session of the Congress authorizing the consolidation of these companies, already practically one, whereas the difficulties in the way of forcing a merger of the street car companies, owned by different interests, are so great that even Congress may find itself unable to work out the problem.

Considering that a traction merger is not a probability within the near future and that even if accomplished its effect in reducing car fares might fall below the public's expectations, Commissioner Oyster takes the position that the public will benefit most by a plan that can be made to lower car fares within a few weeks.

## Car Fare Hits Average Man.

He believes the average citizen would pay to pay 10 cents for the electricity he uses, which is the price he has paid for a long time, and have his car fare reduced to 7 cents, than to pay 8 1/2 cents for electricity and have the present 8-cent car fare order continued.

If the voluntary merger conferences fail to produce an agreement and the compromise plan Capt. Oyster has in mind should not be adopted, Congress, this week, will find itself in sole possession of the field for a response to the initiative traction relief measures is concerned.

It is agreed generally that if the merger question goes to Congress but two avenues of action will be open to the public. One is the use of government ownership of the traction lines or it may adopt punitive measures such as the running of the street cars by the government, or the use of the alternatives of combining or going into bankruptcy.

Prospect of Litigation.

Action along the latter line would be almost certain to be resisted by the companies on constitutional grounds. It would involve a long fight of the whole question in the courts. Meanwhile, Washingtonians are being kept in the relief sought through a merger.

It is to avoid just such a contingency that Commissioner Oyster has decided to delay consideration of the street railway question until Thursday. The request, which has been granted, was made, it is believed, to give Mr. Oyster an opportunity to take up his compromise plan with the utility companies and to delay consideration of the street railway question until Thursday. The request, which has been granted, was made, it is believed, to give Mr. Oyster an opportunity to take up his compromise plan with the utility companies and to delay consideration of the street railway question until Thursday.

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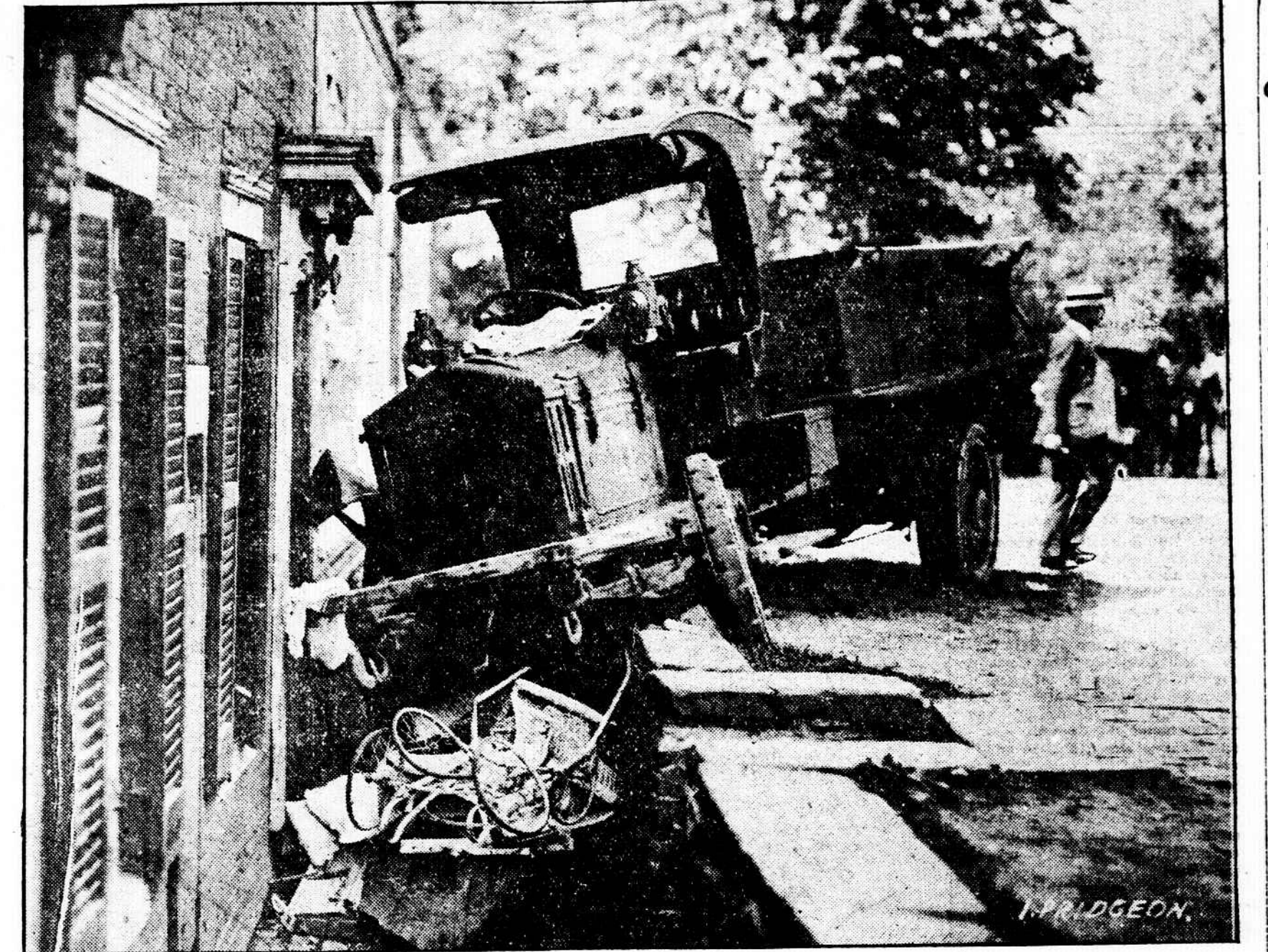
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# BABY IN CARRIAGE AND ITS YOUNG GUARDIAN KILLED BY THIS AUTO.



Tough belonging to the Cudahy Packing Company and driven by Edward Brown, colored, which yesterday, after colliding with another automobile on 3d street southwest, near H street, struck a baby carriage containing Jacob Milloff, seven years old, who was rolling it. Killing them both. Baby Milloff and the demolished carriage were pinned under the machine, the latter still being in the street.

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Athletic Events Planned by Board of Trade Committee.

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# Fifty Thousand School Children To Give Big Song Fest on Ellipse

Great Living Wheel to Be Formed, With President and Guests at the Hub, as Patriotic Chorus Closes Music Week—Each to Bear Flower Tribute.

Fifty thousand Washington school children will form a living wheel on the White Lot Ellipse Friday, June 3, and, with President Harding on a platform at the hub, will present a panoramic climax for "music week," raising their voices in a chorus of patriotic and music typical of young America.

Final arrangements for the panorama already are reaching the stage of completion. A scheme whereby children will be divided into groups, each an immense figure has been drawn, and only a few polishing touches are needed to have the entire program completed.

On a platform raised above the presidential stand will be the Law of Music, where all may see him in leading the singing. In the President's box will be invited guests and his personal staff.

# Double Token in Flowers.

The Thursday preceding every school child in the District will be instructed to bring a flower for the occasion. This will mean a total of more than 50,000 flowers. The flowers will be placed on the Ellipse, where the children will march through the lanes and place them on the platform. The flowers will be placed on the Ellipse, where the children will march through the lanes and place them on the platform. The flowers will be placed on the Ellipse, where the children will march through the lanes and place them on the platform.

# Floral Lyre in Back.

The lyre will be the background for the presidential party. Shortly after his arrival the procession will be formed, and the children will march through the lanes and place them on the platform. The flowers will be placed on the Ellipse, where the children will march through the lanes and place them on the platform. The flowers will be placed on the Ellipse, where the children will march through the lanes and place them on the platform.

# Open to Music Schools.

Thursday, June 2, the day preceding the Ellipse celebration in music week, the twenty centers throughout the city will be thrown open to the children of music schools, who will be invited to participate in the celebration. The children will be invited to participate in the celebration. The children will be invited to participate in the celebration.

# MARTIAL LAW PUT UP TO WEEKS WHEN RIOT PERIL GROWS

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Department last night that Gen. Read had decided to send federal troops into the Mingo country. It was announced by Secretary Weeks that authority had been conferred on Gen. Read, empowering him to send men there if he decided they were needed. Such action would not necessarily be followed by a proclamation of martial law, officers said. Should Gen. Read decide to move troops into the affected region, it was considered probable that they would be sent from Chillicothe, Ohio.

# TRY TO ARRANGE TRUCE.

Belligerents in Mine Region Reach End of Pitched Battle.

By the Associated Press.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 14.—Relative peace has been restored tonight to the mountains and valleys of Mingo county, W. Va., and Pike county, Ky., after a pitched industrial battle that had lasted since Thursday morning.

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